

CHURCH OF ST. EPHREM, BROOKLYN, NY



Dear Friends,

We come to Christ and His banquet of heaven by way of *humility* and *charity*. This is the fatherly instruction we hear in today's First Reading, and the message of today's Gospel. Humility in particular is not a word we associate with, especially since society values those who have a *prominent seat at the table*.

Reflecting upon today's readings, I was reminded of a true story about St. John Paul II as told by scripture scholar Dr. Scott Hahn. One of his priest friends visited Rome, and on the steps of a church, he saw a beggar with a familiar face. With a thrill of horror, he realized that it was one of his classmates from the seminary, and he rushed over to him and confirmed his suspicion.

A short time later Scott Hahn's priest friend had an audience with then Pope John Paul II. He told him the story, and asked him to pray for his friend. Later that day the priest received a phone call inviting him to come with the ex-priest to have dinner with the Pope. The priest took his former classmate back to his hotel to get him cleaned up before having dinner with the Holy Father.

At the end of a very enjoyable dinner, the Holy Father asked to be alone with the ex-priest. To the beggar's surprise, the Pope asked him to hear his confession." After regaining composure, the ex-priest said, "Your Holiness, look at me. I am a beggar. I am not a priest."

The Pope looked at him and said, "My son, once a priest always a priest, and who among us is not a beggar. I too come before the Lord as a beggar asking for forgiveness of my sins." Pope John Paul II re-instated him as a priest and he received an assignment to minister to the beggars on the steps of the very church from which he just came. Pope John Paul II, who humbly saw himself as God saw him; provided this man with a new lease on life.

Something to think about this week: humility means seeing ourselves through God's eyes, as sinners infinitely loved by God, and in desperate need of his mercy. May we seek the true reward of lasting happiness that comes from living in friendship with God by practicing *humility* and extending *charity* to those in need.

Peace & Goodness

Deacon Tony Stucchio

August 21, 2016 249 Envelopes \$ 7,007.00  
We Share (Online Giving) 8 Families \$220.00  
Mass Attendance: 607

Thank you for your generosity to St. Ephrem Parish!



**Parish Goal:** \$980,000.00  
**Amount Pledged:** \$1,104,629.00  
**Paid to Date:** \$506,139.05



**Our Parish Goal** \$104,459.00  
**Amount Pledged:** \$80,407.34  
**214 Donors**  
**Paid to Date:** \$73,276.34  
**Reached 76.98% of Goal**

All monies collected over goal is returned to St. Ephrem Parish

Your generosity to our Diocese and to our Parish continues to make a difference. Thank You!

**Summer Super 50/50 Raffle**

**\$5.00 per ticket**

Winner receives half of all monies collected. Drawing takes place, Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at the St. Ephrem Fever on Saturday Night, Disco Night. Tickets are available at the doors of the



Church. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity!

**Collected to date: \$1,400.00**

*Be part of the excitement!*

*Last year's winner won \$2,617.50.*



JUBILEE OF MERCY

**Chaplet of the Divine Mercy**

Prayed every Friday at 3:00 PM in the Church  
All are welcomed!

December 8, 2015 to November 20, 2016

**Christmas Fair**



The St. Ephrem Rosary Society is hosting its Annual Christmas Fair on **Sunday,**

**December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016.** If you are a vendor who sells only new merchandise then we are the place to be!! Table costs are \$25 to bring your own or \$50 to rent one. Please call the rectory at 718-833-1010 to request an application.



**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Take the opportunity to pray and sing with the Lord, during this period of Adoration.  
**Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM**

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



*"Do not recline at table in the place of honor. A more distinguished guest than you may have been invited...and the host who invited both of you may approach you and say, 'Give your place to this man,' and then you would proceed with embarrassment to take the lowest place." - Lk 14:8bc, 9*

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>:**

8:45am Salvatore Fazzari  
 5:00pm Peter James Carlin  
 Antonina Pagano  
 Tomasso Bondi  
 James Foley  
 Michael Gallaro

**Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>:**

8:00am Dolores Moran  
 10:00am Ettoreina Betro  
 12:00pm Dominic Temperino  
 5:00pm For the People of St. Ephrem's

**Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup>:**

7:00am Germano & Dinorah Mendizza  
 8:45am Eleanor Trombone

**Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>:**

7:00am Louis W. Barbati  
 8:45am Carmine & Dolores Peccia

**Wednesday, August 31<sup>th</sup>:**

7:00am For the People of St. Ephrem's  
 8:45am Robert Alfors, Jr.

**Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup>:**

7:00am Sylvia Zraick  
 8:45am Rev. Francis Ricigliano

**Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>:**

7:00am For the People of St. Ephrem's  
 8:45am Tim Pascale

**Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>:**

8:45am Purgatorial Society Mass  
 5:00pm Peter James Carlin  
 Conversion of Sinners  
 Paul Pannone  
 Franca Ferrari Giannasio  
 Salmon Kahan

**Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup>:**

8:00am Eileen Callaghan - Halpin  
 10:00am Ettoreina Betro  
 12:00pm Josephine Saccente  
 5:00pm For the People of St. Ephrem's



For the recovery of Christina Flood,  
 Miriam Ligamari, Orazio Arrabito,  
 Silvia Gutierrez-Lopez,  
 Marisa & Rita Schievello, Maureen Cashman,  
 Maria Concetta Conte Bedessi,  
 AnnaMarie McMahon



**The Bread & Wine**  
 In Loving Memory of:  
**Michele Grace Marciano**

Requested by her loving family.



**Altar Candles & the Sanctuary Lamp**

In Loving Memory of:

**Antonietta Voci**

Requested by Janet & Donald Cassamassino.



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES**  
 Religious education classes are held on  
 Wednesday afternoons from 3:30 PM to  
 4:45 PM for all children in grades 1  
 through 7 who do not attend a Catholic

elementary school. We have set aside the following dates for new registration and completion of re- registration:

**Sunday, September 11 from 9 AM to 2 PM**

**Monday, September 12 through Thursday,**

**September 15 from 10 AM to 4 PM**

**Tuesday, September 13 from 7 PM to 9 PM**

Please note that the new registration fees apply as of September 1<sup>st</sup>. All registration will take place in the Faith Formation Office (Room 307). Classes will begin on **Wednesday, September 21**. Children should meet in Msgr. Kain Hall (new gym) by 3:20 PM. For questions or concerns or to volunteer, please contact Eileen Maguire at the Office of Faith Formation – 1(718)745-7486 or [stephremreligioused@gmail.com](mailto:stephremreligioused@gmail.com)



**Catechists Needed**

Are you a faith-filled person? Do you like children? Would you like to learn more about our faith by sharing it? Our faith formation program is looking for a few good people who would be willing to share faith with the young people of our

community. We have classes for grades 1 through 7 on Wednesday afternoons. If you think God might be calling you to this very rewarding ministry, please call Eileen Maguire at the Faith Formation Office (718) 745-7486.

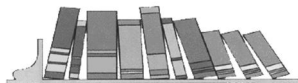


Please remember St. Ephrem Parish as you bask in the sun this summer. We welcome and appreciate your continued monetary support during the summer months. You may drop off your tithing envelopes at the rectory.



**EVENTS AT THE SPIRITUALITY CENTER**

**BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP**



Suggested book for Summer Reading is **“Secrets of a Charmed Life”** by Susan Meissner.



**Bereavement Support Group**

A new Bereavement Support Group will begin Monday, September 12 at 7:00 PM in the Spirituality Center. Sessions run on a 6 week cycle. If you recently lost a loved one and would

like to join the group for some compassionate listening, honest sharing, and consoling prayer, please come to the Center. Individual (one on one) sessions are available on request.

**\*\*\*ATTENTION – SAVE THE DATES**

**Tuesday, September 12**, a program called “The 12 Keys to Spiritual Vitality” will begin at 10:00 AM in the Spirituality Center with Richard Johnson. (DVD Program) The program will give us the opportunity to learn and see the maturation process anew from a fresh, vital, and faith-filled perspective. See fliers in church for more information. All are welcome.

**Thursday, September 15**, “Exploring the Sunday Readings” will begin at 10:00 AM. These sessions will be held the first and third Thursday of the month. The sessions include prayer, scripture and faith sharing. All are welcome.



**Spiritual Direction**

Please call Sister Ann at the Spirituality Center at 718-921-9518 for information or to make an appointment



**The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Monsignor Brown Golf Outing** will be held on **Friday October 7, 2016** at Dyker Beach Golf Course. Please look for a

registration form in Church or the rectory. You can also get a form by emailing your request to [JLMA@aol.com](mailto:JLMA@aol.com) or by calling Joe Cavalcante (917) 453-3167 or Charles LaRocca (718) 938-7961. Please get your registration form in soon, as we can only accept the first 92 golfers. Last year was an overwhelming success and a great time! It will be a big help if all registrations are in by September 15, 2016.



**St. Ephrem School Ongoing Registration**

**Grade 1 to Grade 7.**

For information regarding registration please contact our **School Office at (718) 833 – 1440.**

**ADULT CHOIR**

Our Adult Choir will begin their new season on **Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:45pm** in the church choir loft. Our wonderful choir has lost a few members due to moving away, job demands and going to school out of town. We need to build the membership up this year. **CAN YOU HELP????** Rehearsals are on Monday evenings at 7:45; light refreshments are offered. Now is a great time to join our Choir which enhances our liturgies through God’s great gift of music. Open to all men and women, from high school age on up.



All parishioners are invited to join us for the Mass of Remembrance on:

**Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm.**

This special Mass will begin **outside** at our Garden of Hope with a blessing of the Memorial Stones, prayer and song. After this opening service we will all process into the Church and continue with Mass.

**ST. EPHREM FEVER ON SATURDAY NIGHT  
DRESS TO IMPRESS IN YOU DISCO BEST!**

**With A Live Show Featuring**



**\$50 Per Person**

**Sandwiches, Snacks, Beer, Wine, Soft Drinks  
Dancing, Fun, 50/50 Raffle**

**Saturday, September 24, 2016  
7:00 – 11:00 PM**



**The Msgr. Kain Hall**

**For Information & Reservation Contact**

**St. Ephrem Rectory (718) 833 – 1010**

**You can arrange for tables of 8 or 10 People.**

**Please make your reservations by September 16<sup>th</sup>  
No Tickets will be sold at the door.**

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